

Application Serial No. 10/682,101
Amendment dated February 2, 2010
Reply to Office Action dated November 2, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-18 and 30-33 are pending. Claims 14, 16-18 and 33 are objected to claims. Claims 1-11, 15, 19-30, 32 and 34-36 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 12, 13, 15, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent App. Publ. No. 2006/0116768 to Krueger ("Krueger"). Claims 14 and 16-18 depending from independent claim 15 and claim 33 depending from independent claim 30 and intervening claim 32 are objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention that Krueger discloses a cover as recited in independent claims 15 and 30, Applicants amend independent claim 16 to incorporate all the limitations of now cancelled claim 15 and also amend independent claim 33 to incorporate all of the limitations of now cancelled independent claim 30 and intervening claim 32 to facilitate prosecution.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 16 and 33, as well as claims 12-14 and 17-18 which depend from amended independent claim 16, and claim 31 depending from amended independent claim 33, are not anticipated by Krueger and are allowable.

Conclusion

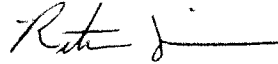
It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

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